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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 9 March 1964

FROM : Chief, Panama Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - February 1964

I. GENERAL

- A. Repeated inquiries locally about long-term housing policy evoked vague replies. Housing matters are reported separately.
- B. Staff employees gave notice on houses in the Republic, and household effects were packed for storage in the Zone or the States, as employees desire. All FBIS families regardless of size were assigned one-bedroom "bachelor" units pending completion of construction of the new houses.
- C. No quarters became available for the family and he was transferred on PCS to London. 50X1
- D. Recommendations concerning performances during the crisis were forwarded to Headquarters. At special gatherings, letters from Chief, FBIS, to Panamanian employees and Staff wives, and from Chief, Administrative Officer, were read and much appreciated.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

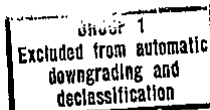
The Bureau continued to operate two shifts on Saturdays and one (occasionally extended) on Sundays to watch Panamanian stations and handle local queries.

B. Editorial

Nightly FYI's rounded up unfiled comment by Panamanian stations on the crisis.

C. Communications

1. Lateral filing to the West Coast Bureau was reduced by eliminating Central American and Panamanian material not needed to avoid duplication.

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2. Several representations were made to [] authorities on delays in transmission of traffic to Headquarters and the occasional loss of priority messages. The Bureau began filing urgent material to Headquarters as a single addressee before filing it laterally.

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D. Liaison

1. On request the Army Security Agency, Ft. Clayton, was added as a recipient of the Bureau file.
2. Lateral filing of Radio Tribuna program summaries was discontinued after changes in the station's ownership reduced local interest.
3. On request for use in a presentation to the OAS investigating committee, Canal Zone Government offices received: copies of the Bureau file before and during the January riots; special tape recordings of several speeches; a special compilation of items carried by Panamanian stations while in the Government network.
4. The Bureau was advised that much of its material formed the basis for USSOUTHCOM's presentation to the OAS.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

- A. [] was hired to replace Technician [] his duties are similar to those of Cruising Monitor/Technician []
- B. Teletypist [] continued to receive training as a Cruising Monitor/Technician.
- C. Monitor [] was certified by the Engineer as having achieved the necessary basic level of technical competence.

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Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Technical Attachment

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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - February 1964

1. Net publishable wordage wirefiled to Washington during February, by country of origin:

Panama	123,540
Peru	21,680
Colombia	7,700
Venezuela	7,570
Argentina	7,550
Costa Rica	6,090
Bolivia	4,290
Ecuador	3,880
Honduras	2,800
Brazil	1,250
Nicaragua	660
Uruguay	320
Mexico	<u>190</u>
Total	187,520

2. Total weekly hours of voice coverage at end of month: 156.25 hours.

TECHNICAL ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - February 1964

1. Reception: Reception was poor from South America with interference from North America, Cuba, and Europe. Some Central American reception was possible on mediumwave through use of the Interference Filter Unit.
2. Projects: (1) Prewiring of four monitoring position racks was completed; work on the fifth is in progress. All will be ready for installation when control panels arrive. (2) The Army was requested to bulldoze troaches around the antenna terminations, and to repair the parking area surface and the road to the highway. (3) Permission to use the Quonset building at Chiva Chiva for storage and spot monitoring purposes was sought.
3. Outages: There were a few planned outages at Relay during its transfer of operations to Corozal on 7 and 8 March. Five hours outage on local circuit were due to machine trouble at Relay.